

A new name for the Himalayan Red-winged Babbler, *Pteruthius*

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The Himalayan Red-winged Shrike-babbler, currently known as *Pteruthius e. erythropterus*, was originally christened by Vigors [1831, Proc. zool. Soc. Lond., (1): 22] as *Lanius erythropterus* (type locality Himalayas, restricted to Murree, West Pakistan, by Baker, 1922, Fauna Brit. India, birds, 2nd ed., 1: 331). Vigors' name is, however, preoccupied by *Lanius erythropterus* Shaw (1809, Gen. Zool., 7: 301) and cannot be used. The next name available for the Red-winged Shrike-babbler is *Pteruthius erythropterus validirostris* Koelz (1951, J. zool. Soc. India, 3:28; type locality Kohima, Naga Hills), so that the specific name for it will be *Pteruthius validirostris* Koelz. No valid name appears to be available for the Himalayan populations, for which I propose

Pteruthius validirostris ripleyi, new name,
in honour of Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, an eminent worker on Indian ornithology.

Recent records from north-western Northern Rhodesia

PART ONE

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The following records are mostly from the Balovale and Kabompo Districts, though a few from northern Barotseland are also included. They are the result of collecting by Mr. W. F. H. Ansell during June 1958 to April 1959 (about 600 specimens), by Major I. R. Grimwood during September 1959 (more especially selective, about 100 specimens), and myself during September to November 1959 (about 500 specimens). Ansell's interest is primarily in mammalogy, and I much appreciate the time and interest he has devoted to this (to him) side-line. Both he and I have been greatly assisted by the perspicacity of Mr. Jali Makawa.

As a result of these activities, one form not in the Northern Rhodesia Check List (1957), *Alcedo quadribrachys guentheri*, is recorded. All the other records either amplify information about little known forms, or represent extensions of known range. A few recent records from elsewhere in the territory are mentioned incidentally. Specimens in or near breeding condition are indicated by "X". Localities not cited in the Check List, or otherwise specified hereafter, are as follows:— Kabeti, on Zambesi River at 15° 04' S., 22° 58' E.; Mayau, at crossing of Mayau River by Mwini-lunga-Kabompo Road, at 12° 45' S., 24° 16' E.; Mutangini, at confluence of Manyinga and Luansongwe Rivers, 13° 10' S., 24° 11' E.; Lake Mwange, 13° 35' S., 22° 25' E. Records from the North Kashiji River are at 13° 07' S., 22° 00' E.; from the South Kashiji River at 13° 32' S., 22° 40' E.; and from the Lungwebungu River near 13° 35' S., 22° 19' E. The Kashiji River